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COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on **Family, Children and Human Affairs**, to which was referred House Bill 1681, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill **be amended** as follows:

- 1 Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17
- 2 Delete pages 2 through 5.
- 3 Page 6, delete lines 1 through 26.
- 4 Page 7, delete lines 19 through 42, begin a new paragraph and
- 5 insert:
- 6 "SECTION 4. IC 21-11-3-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007, SECTION
- 7 252, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 8 1, 2009]: Sec. 2. The commission shall do the following:
- 9 (1) Prepare and supervise the issuance of public information
- 10 concerning all of the commission's programs.
- 11 (2) Prescribe the form and regulate the submission of applications
- 12 for all of the commission's programs.
- 13 (3) Determine the amounts of grants and scholarships.
- 14 (4) Determine eligibility for grants and scholarships.
- 15 (5) Receive federal funds made available to the commission for
- 16 awards, grants, and scholarships, and disburse these funds in the

manner prescribed by federal law.

(6) One (1) time every year, submit a report to the legislative council that provides data and statistical information regarding the number of individuals who received assistance under IC 21-12-6 and IC 21-12-6.5. The report made to the legislative council must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

SECTION 5. IC 21-12-6.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]:

Chapter 6.5. Eligibility for Twenty-First Century Scholars Program for Foster Care Youth

Sec. 1. This chapter applies to an individual who:

(1) is receiving foster care;

(2) is in grades 9 through 12; and

(3) is a resident of Indiana as determined under IC 21-11-7; at the time the individual applies for the twenty-first century scholars program under IC 21-12-6.

Sec. 2. An individual described in section 1 of this chapter may enroll in the twenty-first century scholars program under IC 21-12-6 and is eligible for higher education benefits under IC 21-12-6.

Sec. 3. Determination of initial eligibility for higher education benefits authorized under this chapter is vested exclusively in the commission. Any individual described in section 1 of this chapter may make a written request for a determination by the commission of eligibility for benefits under this chapter. The commission shall make a written determination of eligibility in response to each request. In determining the amount of an eligible individual's benefit, the commission shall consider other higher education financial assistance in conformity with this chapter.

Sec. 4. An appeal from an adverse determination under section 3 of this chapter must be made in writing to the commission not more than fifteen (15) working days after the applicant's receipt of the determination. A final order must be made not more than fifteen (15) days after receipt of the written appeal.

Sec. 5. A person who knowingly or intentionally submits a false or misleading application or other document under this chapter

- 1 **commits a Class A misdemeanor."**
- 2 Delete page 8.
- 3 Page 9, delete lines 1 through 7.
- 4 Page 9, between lines 25 and 26, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 5 "SECTION 9. IC 31-25-2-4.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
- 6 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 7 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: **Sec. 4.5. One (1) time every year, the**
- 8 **department shall submit a report to the legislative council that**
- 9 **provides:**
- 10 **(1) data and statistical information regarding the number of**
- 11 **individuals receiving foster care who are notified of the**
- 12 **twenty-first century scholars program under IC 21-12-6 and**
- 13 **IC 21-12-6.5, including the percentage of individuals receiving**
- 14 **foster care who are notified; and**
- 15 **(2) information regarding how the department notifies**
- 16 **individuals in foster care of the twenty-first century scholars**
- 17 **program under IC 21-12-6 and IC 21-12-6.5.**
- 18 **The report made to the legislative council must be in an electronic**
- 19 **format under IC 5-14-6."**
- 20 Page 10, delete lines 19 through 24.
- 21 Page 10, line 36, delete "eighteen (18)" and insert "**twenty-one**
- 22 **(21)**".
- 23 Re-number all SECTIONS consecutively.
- (Reference is to HB 1681 as introduced.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

Representative VanDenburgh